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## **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards**

### **MOA Circular 222 and Interim Ag GMO Measures 2002**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**This is an UNOFFICIAL translation of the People's Republic of China *MOA Circular 222 and Interim Measures for Ag. GMO Products* and should be used as a guide only. Exporters should carefully discuss regulations and their application with Chinese importers to ensure that their interpretation of the regulation is accurate.**

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### **Summary**

The following are unofficial English translations of the *Ministry of Agriculture Circular No. 222, Management Procedures on Interim Measures for Imported Ag GMO Products*, and *Application Form for Interim Certificate to Import Ag GMO Product*. These documents were announced in the Chinese language Farmer's Daily on October 11, 2002. This Circular and the subsequent measures modify MOA Circular 190 and its measures (CH2051). Please contact the Agricultural Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Beijing if you have any questions.

### **Circular of Ministry of Agriculture (No. 222)**

The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) published on 11 March 2002, Circular 190 and the Management Procedures on Interim Measures for Imported Ag GMO Products (GAIN CH2051) which stipulates the interim measures will be valid until December 20, 2002. Due to technical problems, MOA has decided to extend the implementation time line for the interim management measures as follows:

Upon issuance of this circular, overseas companies that export GMO products to China may apply for an interim certificate from the Ag GMO Safety Administration Office with valid safety evaluation documents issued by the national safety evaluation agency from the country of origin on the basis that an research and development company has applied for a safety certificate for the GMO and that it has conducted safety evaluation, test and experiment within Chinese territories as required by MOA. MOA will issue a one-time interim certificate within 30 working days once the documents are verified. The importer may apply for labeling endorsement and proceed with customs formalities using the interim certificate obtained by overseas companies. The interim measures expire on September 20, 2003.

Ministry of Agriculture  
October 11, 2002

### **Management Procedures on Interim Measures for Imported Ag GMO Products**

These procedures are promulgated on the basis of circular No. 222 published by the Ministry of Agriculture.

1. In accordance with the regulations concerning imported Ag GMO as a processing material embodied in the Ag Safety Administration Regulations and Ag GMO Implementation Measures, an overseas research and development company shall apply for a safety certificate from the Ag GMO Safety Administration Office at the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the Office), and conduct safety evaluation, test, and experiment within Chinese territories as required by MOA. Overseas companies that export this GMO or its product to China may apply for an interim certificate.

2. The following materials must be supplied when applying for an "interim certificate" from the Office:

- a) Application Form for Interim Certificate to Import Ag GMO Product (see attached form).
- b) Valid documents issued by the national safety evaluation authority from the country of origin.
- c) Name of importer, import quantity, and processing location.

The Office will verify the authenticity of the documents mentioned above.

3. Importers may apply to the Office for the endorsement of labeling. The Office will verify the applications based on the Measures for Ag GMO Labeling Administration.

4. The Office will issue an interim certificate and approval for the labeling respectively within 30 working days once the applications have been verified and approved.

5. Importers can proceed relevant import formalities holding the interim certificate and the approval documents for labeling endorsement.

6. The Ag GMO Safety Administration Office at the Ministry of Agriculture

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## Application Form for Interim Certificate to Import Ag GMO Product

Commodity name			HS Code			
General Information on commodity	Purpose				Packaging mode	
	Transport facility				Storage mode	
	Loading port				Unloading port	
	Quantity				In country processing location	
General Information on GMO material	Recipient organism					
	Target gene					
	Charactoristics					
	GMO					
	country of origin					
	Developer					
	Approval docs of country of origin	Serial No				
		Approving agency				
		Validity				
		Purpose				
Information of overseas trading company	Name of Country (region)					
	Company name					
	Main business activities					
	Contact information	Telephone No		Fax No		
		E-mail		Contact		
		Mailing address:				
Information on importer	Name					
	Main Business Activities					
	Contact information	Tel No.		Fax No.		
		E-mail		Contact		
		Mailing address:				
	Stamp of overseas co. (signature)			Stamp of domestic importer (signature)		
Date				Date		
Application date						
Remarks						